

Mexico's oil and gas workers—400 percent. He was bragging about that while still writing letters to shut down oil and gas production in Alaska. By the way, that is not how the Senate operates. Could you imagine if we all attacked each other's States? It wouldn't work really well here.

Here is the other thing about this. New Mexico's production has gone up more than Alaska's now, and guess what else has gone up. My goodness, their carbon emissions are through the roof—through the roof. Where is the concern about “achieving America's climate goals” in New Mexico, from New Mexico—from the senior Senator from New Mexico or Secretary Haaland?

Here is the bottom line on that. You want to shut down Alaska to “achieve America's climate goals,” but you are good to go with cranking it up in your State and not mentioning climate change or climate goals at all. In most parts of America, we just call this rank hypocrisy—but I guess not so in New Mexico. And it is wrong. We all know it is wrong. Heck, even the senior Senator from New Mexico knows it is wrong, and it is harmful to my constituents.

New Mexico is the place that the Biden administration and Secretary Haaland are clearly trying to dramatically increase oil production. I guess they are lucky. They are increasing carbon emissions a lot too. They don't talk about that.

What is the other place that the Biden administration is trying to really help in terms of increasing oil and gas production? It is foreign countries controlled by dictators who don't like us. You heard the story several months ago about the Biden administration reaching out to Iran—the biggest state sponsor of terrorism in the world—trying to lift sanctions so they can produce more oil for the world. Let's shut down oil in Alaska, but let's go to

the Iranian terrorists and get them to produce more oil.

Well, this week—this past week—there was another story that happens to be true that the Biden administration is now loosening sanctions on another one of those wonderful leaders, the dictator in Venezuela so they can produce more oil. Let's help the dictators who hate our country produce more, and then we will go shut down Alaska where great Americans are trying to produce energy.

Oh, by the way, Senator BARRASSO did a great job in the ENR hearing today saying guess who has the most dirty, polluting oil in the world in terms of production and carbon footprint, 18 times more dirty and polluting than oil production in America. Guess. Venezuela. So we are going to get terrorists who don't like us, who are the dirtiest polluters of energy when they produce it and get them to produce more, and we are going to shut down oil and gas production in the great State of Alaska that has the highest environmental standards on the planet.

In conclusion, President Biden is not doing nearly enough to address the energy crisis in our country. To the contrary, he is still undertaking policies meant to limit supply, limit infrastructure, and make it harder to build—that transports energy—and shut down production in America.

I just gave three examples. The American people know these prices are this guy's fault. But there is the Biden exception. There is the Biden exception. If you produce in New Mexico—maybe because the Secretary of the Interior is from there, maybe because the senior Senator from New Mexico is from there or you are a dictator who really hates this country and really pollutes a lot when you produce energy—the Biden administration wants you to produce more. This has to change.

The American people know exactly what is going on. They know exactly what is going on, and these policies are hurting working families. They are making it so energy workers in my State get pink slips. They are doing nothing for the environment, and they are empowering dictators. And that is why the American people know the blame is right there. And until there is a course correction, unfortunately, the suffering that we are seeing all across this great Nation, in terms of high energy prices and inflation everywhere, is going to continue.

I yield the floor.

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ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 1:45 P.M.  
MONDAY, MAY 23, 2022

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 1:45 p.m., Monday, May 23, 2022.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 4:37 p.m., adjourned until Monday, May 23, 2022, at 1:45 p.m.

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#### CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate May 19, 2022:

##### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

REBECCA ELIZA GONZALES, OF TEXAS, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF FOREIGN MISSIONS, WITH RANK OF AMBASSADOR.

##### CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

FLOR ROMERO, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE FOR A TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 1, 2025.

##### NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

CHRISTINE M. KIM, OF COLORADO, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON THE HUMANITIES FOR A TERM EXPIRING JANUARY 26, 2026.

KAREN ANN STOUT, OF PENNSYLVANIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON THE HUMANITIES FOR A TERM EXPIRING JANUARY 26, 2026.